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NEWS

Air Pollution

Fifteen States Sue Over EPA's Power Plant Mercury Rule

Fifteen states, led by Michigan, sued the Environmental Protection Agency June 24 over its affirmation that it is appropriate to regulate toxic pollutants from power plants under its Mercury and Air Toxics Standards rule (Michigan v. EPA,...

Biotechnology

Senate GMO Labeling Deal Would Ban State Requirements

Republicans and Democrats on the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee have struck a deal that would create the first nationwide standard for foods containing genetically modified organisms....

Chemicals

After Brexit, Chemical Companies Urged to Review Contracts

Chemical manufacturers located outside the European Economic Area, but exporting to it, should review contractual relationships in their supply chain to determine whether they have any U.K. operations responsible for complying with European...

Chemicals

Toxics Law May Give Some Regulatory Relief

Car, engine and printed circuit board manufacturers are among the companies that may get some regulatory relief from the newly amended chemicals law, according to industry officials....

Climate Change

Automakers Seek Changes to Federal Vehicle Programs

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Climate Policy

New Push to Extend California Greenhouse Gas Law Past 2020

California state Sen. Fran Pavley (D) has renewed an effort to extend the state's landmark greenhouse gas emissions law beyond 2020. ...

Climate Regulation

Briefing Halted in Power Plant Carbon Rule Lawsuit

A federal court halted briefing in challenges to carbon dioxide standards for new and modified power plants over the objections of the Environmental Protection Agency to allow consolidation of additional lawsuits expected to be filed (North...

Congress

Science Panel Feud Over 'Illegitimate' Oversight Heats Up

Requests for state attorneys general and nongovernmental organizations to turn over records concerning ongoing investigations into whether fossil fuel companies such as Exxon Mobil Corp. misled investors on climate change are "an...

Drinking Water

Flint Kids' Blood Lead Levels Increased After Water Switch: CDC

Blood lead concentrations in young children in Flint, Mich., significantly increased after the city switched its water supply to the Flint River, a federal health agency said June 24....

Emissions Trading

EU Carbon Market Slumps Most Since 2014 With Brexit

Carbon prices in the European Union's emissions market, the world's biggest, plunged the most in 27 months as the U.K. vote to leave the 28-nation bloc triggered uncertainty about the future of the cap-and-trade program....

Energy

Asia Grapples With Energy Demand, Green Goals, Uncertainties

Countries across Asia are attempting to understand how to balance energy investments and energy demand growth amid complex and challenging economic environments, partly driven by low oil prices, while also addressing aspirations for cleaner...

Hydraulic Fracturing

Germany Moves to Ban Virtually All Fracking

The German lower house of Parliament, the Bundestag, passed a bill June 24 that would effectively ban hydraulic fracturing across the country, even as it leaves exploration for oil and gas up to state governments as long as it does not occur on...

Hydraulic Fracturing

Pennsylvania Fracking Rules Become Law

Pennsylvania will impose new rules on hydraulic fracturing, delay plans to limit carbon dioxide emissions, and postpone regulatory updates for conventional oil and gas drillers, under bills the governor signed into law June 23....

International Climate

Sources: Christiana Figueres to Seek UN's Top Job

Christiana Figueres, the outgoing executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and one of the driving forces behind last year's Paris Agreement, will add her name to the list of candidates to replace...

International Issues

Better Policy Mixes Lead to Resource Efficiency: OECD

The world's wealthiest countries have made progress in decoupling resource consumption from gross domestic product growth but still face big policy challenges to improve resource efficiency, an Organization for Economic Cooperation...

International Issues

Brexit Could Complicate Europe's Action on Climate Change

The U.K.'s historic vote to leave the European Union will almost surely weaken Europe's pro-climate action forces and is likely to have a negative impact on investments in clean energy, experts said June 24....

Oil & Gas

Shell Gives Up on Arctic Offshore Lease Extensions

Royal Dutch Shell Plc has given up on its administrative appeal to win Interior Department extensions of leases for oil exploration in Arctic offshore waters north of Alaska....

Pesticides

EU Remains at Impasse Over Glyphosate Reauthorization

A European Union panel June 24 failed to agree on whether to extend its approval for glyphosate, adding more uncertainty to the regulatory prospects for the world's top herbicide by volume just days before its authorization for use in the...

Regulatory Policy

House Lawmakers Argue Role of NEPA in EPA Permitting

Regulatory disputes over the Pebble Mine prospect in Alaska and a proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal for coal exports in Washington were revived by a House committee to explore whether federal agencies were skirting around the requirements...

Superfund

Consent Order Doesn't Bar CERCLA Cost Recovery Suit

A landfill owner's entry into a state consent order doesn't bar its Superfund cost recovery action against a co-owner, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois ruled June 23 (Allied Waste Transp., Inc. v. John...

Vehicle Fuels

EPA Urged to Increase Renewable Fuel Requirement

The Environmental Protection Agency should increase the amount of ethanol and other biofuels required in the nation's motor fuel supply when it finalizes the 2017 renewable fuel standard later this year, 39 senators wrote in a letter...

Water Pollution

Sen. Booker Dismissed From Newark Watershed Lawsuit

Former Newark mayor and current U.S. Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) was dismissed as a defendant in a lawsuit brought by the bankrupt Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Corp. against him and 27 others (Newark Watershed Conservation...

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